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A SEASON ENDS, ANOTHER BEGINS

LAMAR POTTS: "Yes'm, soon as I get out of this robe I'm taking my family down to Donalsonville, Ga."

Gordy Smith would have enjoyed savoring the day a little longer, for seminary training had been a long haul of denial for a man with a family.

Ditto for Lamar Potts, Bill Carr, Bill Barton, Peggi Boyce and others. For a long time they had longed for the day when they'd clamp their hands around a Master of Divinity degree in triumph over three years of meticulous study.

Still, there wasn't time to think about graduation day, for there were congregations up and down the line awaiting their new ministers.

Gordy, a native of Minnesota, is off to the new ground of Gautier, Miss. Meanwhile, Lamar prepares for Southwest Georgia Presbytery examination. Bill Carr is in Pine Bluff, Ark., Bill Barton moves across town to Marietta and Peggi is a chaplain at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

If graduation two months ago seemed a climax, then as they shed their caps and gowns to let in a whiff of good Georgia air, there was little time for savoring the moment.

The lieutenant governor of Mississippi, William Winter, a ruling elder in Fondren Presbyterian Church, Jackson, delivered a practical talk to the graduating class.

Winter declared that the laity looks to the ministry to supply the kind of value system that will sustain people in their confrontations with the confusion and compromises of everyday living.

Families and guests of the graduates attended graduation in Columbia Presbyterian Church.

Earlier, the Rev. George B. Telford preached the baccalaureate sermon at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Mr. Telford is a staff member of the General Executive Board and an alumnus of Columbia Seminary.

SENIORS SCATTER; NEW FACES ARRIVE

As this year's crop of seniors scattered to the corners of the globe, moving vans and U-Hauls were bringing in some new seed. More than 40 candidates are expected to answer the call when Columbia begins its 146th year next fall.

Twenty-seven have registered for summer Greek. The registrar reports that 39 applications have been approved for the fall with others pending.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jack McMichael reports encouraging response to the Doctor of Ministry program, begun this year. He said 16 ministers are enrolled in the program for the fall. Total: 41.

TOP SCHOLARSHIP, WORK HONORED

When award winners were announced at graduation, Senior David Franklin McInnis trooped through twice to pick up prizes honoring an outstanding seminary career.

McInnis received the Fannie Jordan Bryan Fellowship and the Wilds Book Prize.

Receiving alumni fellowships were Ronald Allen Crews, Martha Murphy Davis and Martin L. Harkey III, all seniors.

Sheppard Dean Lawrence, who will be remembered for a long time as a young man with a guitar slung across his shoulder and a sheaf of music under his arm, won the Emma Gaillard Boyce Award in Church Music.

Gibson Preston Stroupe and Joan Iris

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Columbia Theological Seminary Class of 1974

Akel

Barrow

Barton

Beach

Bennett, Jr.

Beville

Boyce

Carr, Jr.

Cox, Jr.

Crews

Davis

DuBois

Master of Divinity

Fahed Abu Akel, graduate work

Harry H. Barrow, assistant pastor, Raleigh Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Whaley S. Barton, pastor, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Ga.

J.Randall Beach, undecided

H. Burwell Bennett, Jr., pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, N. C.

David L. Beville, assistant pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Valdosta, Ga.

Margarita Ana Boyce, campus ministry, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Tenn.

William B. Carr, Jr., assistant pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.

William F. Cox, Jr., undecided

Ronald A. Crews, chaplain, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Martha Murphy Davis, undecided

Dean V. DuBois, undecided

Fairleigh

Harkey, III

Lawrence

Makari

McClelland

McCrorey, Sr.

McInnis

McKay, Jr.

Mitchell

Potts

Rhodes

Roper

Susan Elizabeth Fairleigh, chaplain intern, Georgia Regional Hospital, Atlanta

Martin L. Harkey, III, assistant pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Fla.

Sheppard D. Lawrence, undecided

Philip E. Makari, summer assistant, Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, Gaithersburg, Md.

John D. McClelland, pastor, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Elberton, Ga.

Michael B. McCrorey, Sr., pastor, Chesterfield Presbyterian Church, Chesterfield, S. C.

David F. McInnis, chaplain intern, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta

Sherwood C. McKay, Jr., chaplain, Yellowstone Park Service, Gardiner, Mont.

Larry C. Mitchell, assistant pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Albany, Ga.

A. Lamar Potts, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Donalsonville, Ga.

Jane Guthrie Rhodes, undecided

John A. Roper, pastor, New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church, McClellanville, S. C.

Rossman

Shurley, Jr.

Smith

Stanford

Vaughn

English Diploma

James A. Burgess, pastor, Westminster-Richland Presbyterian Churches, Westminster, S. C.

Jerry W. Dill, undecided

Burgess

Dill

Master of Theology
(not pictured)

Hsien-Ping Chen, Taipei, Kung-Kuan Presbyterian Church, Republic of China

Chang-Bok (James) Chung, graduate work, San Anselmo, Calif.

Ross Thomas Hightower, chaplain, Jacksonville, Fla.

Robert Milton Horne, military chaplain, Columbus, Ga.

Chong Whan Kim, Ho Nam Theological Seminary, Kwangju, Korea

Sae Hee Kim, pastor, Atlanta Korean Congregation, Atlanta

Maclean Agyiri Kumi, chaplain, University of Ghana

Renthlei Lianbuanga, Aijal Theological College, India

Joseph E. Rossman, pastor, Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dublin, Ga.

Lynn E. Shurley, Jr., assistant pastor, John Knox Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S. C.

Gordon Smith, pastor, Gautier Presbyterian Church, Gautier, Miss.

J. Richard Stanford, chaplain intern, Grady Hospital, Atlanta

Dorothy Annette Vaughn, Minister of Education, Northeast Area, Atlanta Presbytery

Glenn M. R. Martin (not pictured), U. S. Army, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
When you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

These words from Isaiah 43 were the beginning of the charge from Scripture to the Class of 1974, who are pictured in this issue of INFORM. This promise from God is a fitting word for those who enter ministry this year. What their rivers and their flame will be only time will tell, but they will pass through waters and walk through fire.

Whoever seeks to be a faithful servant of the Word in this world will come to times that try the soul, for the world will not hear the Word or honor His servant. God knows that. He finds the world stubborn, disobedient, sinful. He finds us that way, too. But He calls His servants by name, and He who redeems them remains faithfully their God and their Savior.

Still in a world of Watergate and inflation, of hunger and killing, of violent crime and quiet conspiracy, He is God. He accompanies His servants in the ministry to which He has called them. He prevails.

C. Benton Kline, Jr.

STUDENT, FAMILY GOING TO BRAZIL

Next January when seminary hill comes under attack by winter Bob and Kay Camenisch will store their coats, pack up their summer clothes, kids and Bibles and wing off to sweltering Brazil for a year in the missions field.

By that time Bob will have completed about half his seminary work. He will work under the Division of International Missions of the General Executive Board.

As of now they don't know the location of their Brazilian ministry, but they aren't really concerned. "This is a real opportunity," they said. "We feel that sometime in the future we may be called to permanent mission work and this is our chance to see if we can really be of service."

They will return in 1976 for Bob to complete his seminary training. Both graduates of King College, the Camenisches are parents of two children.

"I hope," Bob said, "that we can bring back to the seminary something of the missionary's spirit and zeal to share with our classmates and friends."

SOMETHING NEW ON PROTESTANT HOUR

There will be a new dimension on the nationally broadcasted Protestant Hour when the series begins this fall.

For the first time in the popular Sunday morning program's 28-year history a woman will share the pulpit. She is Dr. Catherine Gonzalez, associate professor of church history at Columbia.

The 1974 Presbyterian series of the Protestant Hour begins Nov. 17 and runs through Feb. 23 on 950 stations. The Presbyterian Church in the United States will be joined by the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in producing the 15-week series.

Joining Dr. Gonzalez will be Dr. Don Wardlaw, professor of homiletics at Columbia. Dr. Wardlaw is well known throughout the denomination. His teaching career has included Princeton, Union (Richmond) and McCormick Theological seminaries.

Dr. Gonzalez came to Columbia last winter from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Dave McInnis (Honor Grad) Draws a Crowd.

PRESIDENT—Dr. Charles Benz, pastor of Atlanta's Morningside Presbyterian Church, is the new president of Columbia's Alumni Association. Dr. Benz graduated in 1950 and received his STD from Columbia in 1973. "Wherever you are, welcome," Dr. Benz said. "It's a great day to be in the church."

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Standridge won the Florrie Wilkes Sanders Prize in Theology and the Paul T. Fuhrmann Prize in Church History, respectively.

During his seminary career Jim Burgess spent few weekends on campus. His usual routine was to mount his pick-up truck and spur it toward hamlets stretching from the Virginias to the beaches of Mississippi.

Jim is a country preacher with a special quality for carrying the Good News to rural folk. And he can quote the soybean market or fix skipping tractors if those services are needed.

For his dedication to rural ministry, Jim was honored with the Indiantown Country Church Award.

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